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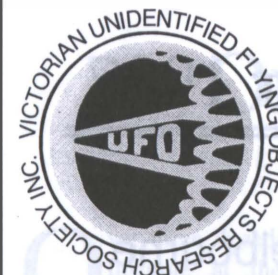
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Richard F. Haines to lecture in Melbourne

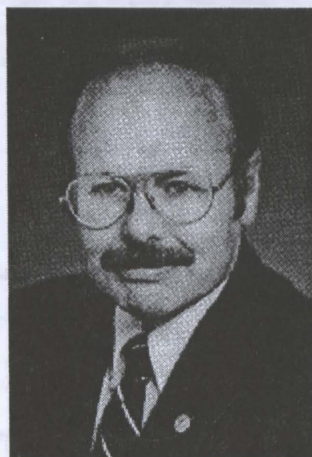
Dr. Richard F. Haines, a research scientist for NASA since 1967, will present a lecture entitled **"Pilot Sightings of UFO Phenomena"** at the Royal Victorian Aero Club, Moorabbin Airport on Tuesday the 17th of March, 1998 at 8pm.

Dr. Haines has recorded over 3,000 reports, many of which he has personally investigated.

He has also investigated numerous aviation accidents and incidents for the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority and attorneys.

He serves on the Safety and the Human Factors Committees of the Aerospace Medical Association and is a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators.

Dr. Haines has written three books on UFO topics and over 50



MELBOURNE EPISODE

CASE STUDY OF
A MISSING PILOT



Richard F. Haines

scientific and technical articles as well as 20 serious articles on unidentified aerial phenomena.

Of particular interest to VUFORS members is Dr. Haines' 1987 book, **"Melbourne Episode - Case Study of a Missing Pilot"** which details the 1978 disappearance of Frederick Valentich over Bass Strait.

He is cited in Who's Who in America, American men and Women of Science, Jane's Who's Who in Aviation and Aerospace.

This lecture will be advertised only in the **"Australian UFO Bulletin"** and the Royal Victorian Aero Club publication: **"Plane Talk."**

Admission

VUFORS members \$20
Others \$25

250 seats are available.

Tuesday 17th of March, 1998, Royal Victorian Aero Club, Moorabbin Airport

ON THE UFO TRAIL

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Over three decades ago, the Brookings Institute at the request of NASA, issued a report which contained among other speculations "that the discovery of extraterrestrial life would challenge the prevailing world view and of all groups, scientists might be the most devastated by the discovery of superior creatures." Some scientists, especially the skeptics, fear that if enough people concluded that superior alien intelligent beings exist, people will lose confidence in science as it stands today. I have noticed throughout the past half century, that some scientists have exhibited something like subconscious fear that UFO reports may be true. This behaviour pattern has indicated emotional bursts of anger at the very mention of the subject.

During the late fifties and early sixties, I attended Astronomical Society meetings, near Nashville, Tennessee, where over cups of coffee I would ask "embarrassing" questions concerning ET life to the speakers. However, I was pleasantly surprised one night when two speakers from the Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama, which at long last took me seriously and we engaged in serious conversation with regard to Unidentified Flying Objects. And no wonder, I just learned only one month ago while reading THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL, that the author Philip Corso, had been associated

with them during his activity as an intelligence officer while on active duty. Back in 1960, the 1954 lecture notes of Professor Herman O'Berth were translated for me by one of these gentlemen. O'Berth's lecture notes have been published in VUFOR'S publication twice since that time. He mentions in his notes that different conditions may exist

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Brookings Institute

Regardless of speculations, the "face" on Mars is becoming more prominent in the news and is attracting more attention while the Powers That Be are pussy-footing about the "face", being reluctant to show close up photos and may have deliberately cut off the camera while in the position to photograph the face. Spokesmen have said that "the priority is to locate a better landing area." Why? To creep back and check for something more intelligent? It is a known fact that the sight of a 'wiggly worm' on Mars would send some scientists into a deep state of shock.

On The UFO Trail

Of increasing interest among Ufologists, is the coincidence between the Sphinx near the Pyramids in Egypt and the 'face' on Mars near the Pyramids on Mars.

Many years ago, some explorers were convinced that the Egyptian Pyramids concealed more, undiscovered chambers and subterranean passageways connected to the Sphinx. Robert Ballard, who was an engineer with Australian railways, believed the Giza pyramid may also have been built above a vast series of catacombs of a subterranean city. Edgerton Sykes, last living authority on ancient Atlantis, also believed there was a whole maze of corridors and passages connected with an underground Kingdom similar to Agartha of Tibet.

Back in 1677, a Genoese mariner, owner of a trading ship based on Malta, explored the Pyramids and the Sphinx. He was in charge of several hundred men who excavated large amounts of sand. Since that time, wind blown sand again buried much of the evidence until the search for evidence commenced in the seventies by a group of scientists including Dr. James Hurtak, who have discovered the pyramids did indeed conceal work of mysterious architects who had a deeper knowledge not only of the secrets of a previous civilisation, but of the universe than, those who followed them.

Prior to the discoveries now being made, it was already established it served as a Celestial Observatory, from which the stellar hemisphere could be accurately drawn. Its accuracy is now confirmed by the measurements of orbiting satellites.

Those who attended the International UFO Symposium 1997, held at the Carlton Crest Hotel in Brisbane and in Melbourne were of the first to see VIDEOS shown publicly for the first time in the western world. Dr. James Hurtak, claims he has been working with explorers on the vast network of passages which do not stop under the Pyramids but extend for many kilometers under the ancient world. He also claims he has travelled for many kilometers in a boat and filmed the structure underneath the ground. One particular photo shows water-conveying conduits. If true, perhaps we should take a closer look at the face and pyramids of Mars.

Those interested in the Pyramids, should read about *The Secrets of the Great Pyramid* by Peter Tompkins, published by Penguin Books.

Meanwhile, keep an eye on the behavioral activities of the 'Powers That Be', as they let go of more findings from the Planet Mars.



The UFO Enigma

A Publication of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis
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"Contact": UFOlogy and SETI

The recent success of the movie *"Contact"* has further peaked the interest of the general public regarding the prospect of contact with extra-terrestrial intelligent life. The movie has received praise from people with widely varying views on the subject — new age believers, mainstream scientists, and hard-nosed skeptics. What is it about this movie that is so appealing? How do the concepts behind the movie (ET contact via radio signal) relate to and benefit both the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) and UFOlogy?

Since childhood, I have been fascinated by the search for life on other worlds. As a grade school student, I remember reading about *Project Ozma* — the first attempt to listen for radio signals from nearby stars. At the same time, I was avidly reading some of the UFO books of the day authored by Jacques Vallee, John C. Fuller and J. Allen Hynek. To me, both SETI and UFOlogy instill a sense of wonder at the prospect of life somewhere "out there." And although they differ vastly in their approach to verification of this hypothesis, I believe both to be valid.

SETI and UFOlogy basically seek the same end — an understanding of, and contact with, ET intelligence. Unfortunately, even the casual reader of literature produced by either group will note much intolerance between the two camps. Many in UFO circles

criticize SETI, usually stating that it is a waste of time. Some even consider SETI to be part of a darker government conspiracy. At the same time, many in SETI criticize UFOlogy for various reasons. Even a cursory reading of the comments regarding UFOs on the SETI institute web page will show the unfortunate disdain that SETI researchers hold for UFOs.

SETI and UFOlogy... seek the same end — an understanding of, and contact with, ET intelligence.

SETI UFOlogy Differences

As described above, SETI and UFOlogy have many similar underpinnings. However, SETI and UFO studies approach the idea of ET life from fundamentally different angles. In the SETI paradigm, the ETs are out there. It does not consider the possibility that they could come here. Rather, to find them, one must seek evidence through astronomical observations — by optical or radio telescope. The UFO paradigm is, of course, based on the idea that at least some intelligent ET life is capable of interstellar travel, and that ET's visit (or have visited) Earth. (Note: There are many schools of thought regarding the nature and origin of UFOs. However in this article I confine discussion to the "ET Hypothesis" school of thought). Further, the UFO paradigm supposes that starfaring ETs possess technology as yet

unavailable to us. The SETI paradigm on the other hand, considers only theoretically understood concepts in science and engineering. While this may limit the search, it does keep the results scientifically viable.

What is SETI?

At its most basic, SETI is the Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence — by any means. It can also be viewed as a set of tests of the most conservative version of the ET Hypothesis — that ET's exist out there (it actually says nothing about whether or not they can come here).

There are actually two branches of SETI: The "All-Sky Survey" strategy seeks to detect possible deliberate attempts to contact us presumably using some sort of radio beacon. An example of this effort is The Planetary Society's *Project BETA* (Billion Channel ExtraTerrestrial Assay). The other SETI strategy is the "Directed Search". This attempts to eavesdrop on "accidental" radio emissions from an ET civilization, i.e., radar, TV, navigation, etc., and focuses on relatively nearby stars — within about 100 light years of us. This search strategy is used primarily by *Project Phoenix*, the privately funded continuation of the "directed search" portion of NASA's canceled High-Resolution Microwave Survey project.

There are other potential types of research which could be thought of as related to the SETI effort. These include future searches for possible ET artifacts

on other planets and the hunt for signs of past or present ET life (microfossils, organic compounds, evidence of planets with oxygen atmospheres around other stars, etc.).

Many ideas which would have been considered outlandish even a few years ago are now largely accepted by mainstream science. Examples of this are NASA's "Origins" program (to study planets around other stars), the present search for extrasolar planets, and the recent discovery of possible Martian microfossils. While even a few years ago these would have been victim to the "giggle factor", today they are accepted as valid scientific activities. The effect has been that SETI and related topics have shifted the paradigm toward an acceptance of ET life — and by extension ET intelligence, by mainstream science. Perhaps the SETI paradigm is just one step in a greater shift of world view.

SETI/UFOlogy Synergy

Both SETI and UFOlogy (most notably abduction research) deal extensively with contact scenarios. Each area considers in detail the prospect of communication with beings totally unlike ourselves. With SETI being an accepted field, the prospect of contact with ET life has begun to merge into mainstream science — even if the overall field of UFO studies has not yet done so. In that sense, SETI can contribute much to UFOlogy — even if it only makes an early dent in the otherwise conservative scientific stone wall...

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by Craig R. Lang

Port Clinton

Date: 14th July, 1997
Time: 7.30am

South Australian Sightings

James Lane, a fisherman from Port Wakefield, was fishing near Port Clinton when his work partner spotted a bright silver craft in the sky 45° from the horizon.

The object was described as being about the size of a semi-trailer, and having a dome-shaped top with a slightly curved bottom. It was initially seen in the south-western sky, sitting below the cloud level silently and stationary except for a slight "rocking" movement

in the wind. It then took off very fast towards the south, getting smaller and disappearing into the clouds.

"When I first saw it I thought it was a star because the sun was shining so brightly on it. Then I realised it had a distinct, dome shape (something like I always imagined a flying saucer would look like). It was stationary at first and rocking slightly in the 25-30 knot winds. Then it took off to the south very fast and disappeared into the clouds.

In addition, consider the potential effect on UFOlogy of the detection of *just one* radio signal from, as example, the Zeta Reticuli star system (perhaps a leakage signal from some form of communication). Consider what that would mean for the plausibility of the UFO ET hypothesis.

Regardless of the opinions of those in either camp, in my view, each avenue of research has validity. The only way to confirm or refute the hypothesis of either is to test it by experiment. In that sense, either SETI, UFOlogy, or both could succeed — but we'll never know unless we try. Although the two schools of thought differ in their fundamental approaches, they deal with the same overall subject. Thus, with a rational and tolerant approach by all concerned, each can contribute much to the other.

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Can You Believe It?

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Can you believe it?

This report is not about aeroplanes, adventures or exploits nor indeed about other related conventional aviation. It is a report given so that it may be recorded; so that alert people will be more aware of what is about in our skies.

By DUAN PHILLIPS, AOPA 44309

The day was Monday the 20th of January 1997, time 4:30pm.

With a number of friends, my wife and I have nicely settled in at Nundle Caravan Park NSW, in preparedness for sorties to the Tamworth Country and Western Music Festival. Nundle is a small gold mining village, and a hideaway for prospectors and those seeking solace from the hub-bub of everyday living.

On the day mentioned, some six families including my wife, Elaine and myself were quietly sitting in the shade of a tree discussing and solving the problems of the world, as one is apt to do when relaxed. The weather was hot and the tree provided a cool shady place. Above were scattered cumulus clouds with a base of about 3000ft above the terrain.

One of the party — a cloud watcher — looked up and happened to observe what he thought was a flock of birds darting in and out of

a large cloud and remarked, "Those pelicans are high and flying in a peculiar manner".

Almost immediately everyone looked up to see this phenomenon. "They're not pelicans", one remarked. "They're flying all over the place, and too fast!" As more appeared out of the cloud we took a count: twenty plus, all told, skating in and out of the cloud.

Roger, an avid bird watcher, said, "I'll get my binoculars and get a closer look". Peering through the binoculars he let out a gasp! "They're not birds at all. They're rectangular, no head, no flapping wings, no discernable tail, they look for all the world like flying shed roofs, one side black and the other silver.

"Some have a trailing thing!" "There's a particular thickness about their structure".

Everybody is now on the alert, another two pairs of binoculars are hastily produced to observe the antics of these strange objects. About two hours pass as we watch them now flying in different directions: circling, passing each

other and finally dispersing in different directions but not coming down to earth. We watch them until they are out of sight.

As an aviator of some fifty years plus, I cannot explain what these flying objects were and would be reluctant to report the observation had it not been for so many witnesses, so they're in the category of UFOs.

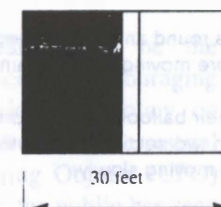
My estimation of size would be 30 by 20 ft with a definite thickness and no discernable mode of power. (See sketch)

Has anyone else observed such objects? I suggest that next time you see what you think are birds coming out from clouds have a closer look.

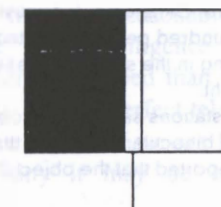
By strange coincidence, when we returned to Newcastle and told of our encounter, we were informed that UFOs had been observed in the Gosford area. I'm still to follow this up.

Does anyone have an answer, and please don't say, "What were you drinking?"

(Giant Flying Slabs by the sound of it! Hic! Ed) →



TYPE 1



TYPE 2

THE EARLY YEARS

(A selection of reports from "The Australian Flying Saucer Magazine" published by the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau in the early 1950's)

Kent, England - November 3, 1953

A circular object, which emitted or reflected a fierce white light, was sighted by the pilot and navigator of a Vampire jet night fighter. The object was at a great height, they reported to British Intelligence officers. Their report was verified by a radar unit stationed in London, whose set registered a very large echo from something 60,000 feet up. The radar scanners locked the set on the object, which was then practically motionless, and studied it through a telescope for about ten minutes.

The object was white and spherical, and after pausing for ten minutes, it slowly moved off. Occasionally it glowed. The British Air Ministry said that although every report is investigated "it was not prepared to comment on individual ones"

Melbourne, Victoria - May 31, 1954

Mr John Tyrrell, Public Relations Officer for the Royal Australian Air Force, said, discussing flying saucers in an interview, "It would be stupid to ignore them. We believe there's something flying around which cannot be regarded as the figment of someone's imagination. We don't know what it is, we have no concrete evidence of saucers as such but we simply can't discount certain reports from sane, seasoned R.A.A.F. and airline pilots"

Sydney, New South Wales - June 15, 1954

Weather Bureau officials were amongst scores of people who saw strange coloured lights pass over the city between 7.00 and 7.10 p.m. Added reports of the travelling lights came from widely separated areas and a number of eye-witnesses said that the colours changed as they watched from white to red to blue. Estimates placed the height of the lights as from below 1,000 feet to more than 3,000 feet.

Aviation authorities were unable to account for the mass observations but admitted that there were no planes in the sky at the time which could have caused them. The lights hovered, sometimes appeared to revolve and other times seemed to "flicker", fading and brightening. Mr Jim Fawcett, co-manager of the Illawarra Flying School, who watched the lights for five minutes, said that one in particular hovered for a time after which it changed colour about 20 times. "It disappeared twice for about 30 seconds each time", he said, "giving me the impression it had turned round an invisible corner".

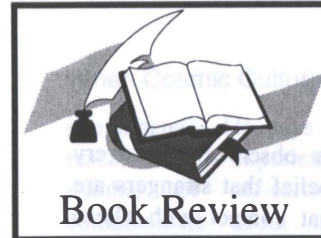
The astronomer on duty at Sydney Observatory said that he could give no technical explanation.

Woodward, Oklahoma - August 26, 1954

Fifteen hundred people reported seeing a mysterious round and white object like a saucer which hung in the sky motionless for half an hour before moving west - against the wind - and out of sight.

Weather stations said that the object was not any of their balloons and a woman who studied it through binoculars reported that it appeared to be in two sections joined together. Others reported that the object flew above the clouds moving slowly.

These archives were made available to VUFORS by Mr Murray Bott of New Zealand.



Book Review

When Cosmic Cultures Meet

From the Forward:

The day that a believable announcement about the reality of cosmic cultures meeting comes from one or more governments, or when the Visiting Others, weary of a pusillanimous and confused boycott of the truth, make their presence undeniably known, is the day that the work begins

The Proceedings of an International Conference held in Washington (May 1995) sponsored by The Human Potential Foundation. (ISBN Dr. Scott Jones)

This book consists of the papers presented to the Conference, one subsequent paper, record of the three (Fear, Hope, Future) panel discussion and seven appendices which record in alia an analysis of the complex questionnaire completed by all attendees and correspondence with the White House personnel, Congress and the Washington Diplomatic Corps concerning invitations to participate.

The first glance at the table of contents, giving the titles of the papers, sets for the reader the level and depth of the work of this conference. Subsequent reading does not disappoint but compels a read-digest-ponder progress through to the end.

The Conference was designed to be the capstone on a two-year process of encouraging The White House to review the policy on disclosure of information about Extraterrestrial (ET) and Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Phenomena. For fifty years the public has seen the policy to be one of silence, secrecy and disinformation. This conference is intended to demonstrate the present-day need to educate

nations on all ET and UFO phenomena presently proven, in preparation for a guide to unified behaviour when sudden realisation of the presence of other Cosmic Cultures is thrust upon them.

The following are my brief comments on some of the papers, identified by their authors:

George Robinson: George speaks of Law as mirroring values underlying all human activity and goes on to say, 'That mirror of Law will reflect the Legal regimes that will cradle and balance the relationships when cosmic cultures meet, and finally determine to interact openly. The paper concludes with a five-page, "Declaration Governing Interdependence Among Earthkind and Spacekind."

Richard Boylan: Richard discusses the effect on human consciousness and spirituality of a world announcement of ET presence and argues that it seems reasonable that ET consciousness and intelligence is several magnitudes more developed than those Earth-based humans. Facing perfect telepathic skill, where does one hide? If we are beginning to awake, for many it may be a very rude awakening.

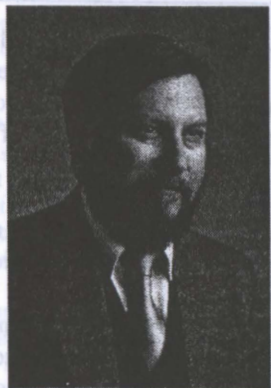
James Moore: James asks, "Are Aliens likely to be altruists?" He then comments on an

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unplanned confrontation as opposed to a calculated, controlled meeting and concludes that we can expect suspicion and hostility arising from uncertainty.

William Baldwin: William deals with the origins of ET/UFO phenomena. He recognises the two hypotheses, generally held; that it originates in the Visible Universe or that it is other dimensional in nature. These hypotheses are not mutually exclusive. He gives an in-depth view of an important component of the other-dimensional consideration of the phenomena.

Michael Hesemann: Government and Non-Government experts have indicated that a sudden discovery of the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence would cause great disruptions to individuals and institutions Michael proposes a strategy of gradual education of the greater Cosmic reality.



James J. Hurtak, Ph.D.

James Hurtak: James discusses the opportunities and challenges in the near future as earth and its inhabitants face their inevitable rendezvous with a host of cosmic cultures.

James Deardorff: James discusses coping with the cosmic culture gap in the fields of science and theology and concludes, "If we are to cushion these expected culture shocks, our obvious task is to educate, educate, educate."

Dave Hunt: Dave declares there are no physical ET's, that they could only be spiritual entities under the dominion of Satan. He cautions that any association with the phenomena would be dangerous and reason to fear.

Charles Tart: Charles observes that every culture inculcates the belief that strangers are dangerous and says that contact with aliens will call for exceptional ambassadors, people who are enlightened. He outlines a path towards this state of being; live a basically moral and competent life; have decent relationships with other people recognise that there is something higher in life and do something about it.

Puma Singona: Puma discusses other dimensional beings in Inca culture. A teenager, he has a sense of ayni, reciprocity, he believes that space beings will help those who also help them to make contact and establish ayni.

Dennis Rohatyn: Dennis challenges us to avoid self-deception and to dig deep for the answer to the question, "Why do we need ET/UFO phenomena".

He calls for individual responsibility and asserts the importance of passion in life. His paper is titled, "The Myth of Merger."

Paula Underwood: Paula draws upon thousands of years of history and from ancient traditions reveals procedures to assist in dealing with new circumstances. She appeals for time to allow us to understand ourselves as well as the new circumstances.

Zacharia Sitchin: Zacharia, who can read the Sumarian clay tablets, declares that the past holds the key to the future. ; He asserts that cosmic cultures have met and are destined to meet again on a 3,600 year cycle.

Donald Ware: Donald's paper deals with telepathic communications and UFO

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phenomena. He says that it is clear from research and experience that there are a number of off-earth voices eager to communicate about all aspects of UFO phenomena.

John Gray: John, invited to participate in the panel to discuss fear, was prevented from doing so by a family medical emergency. He supplied a paper titled, "Thoughts on Fear, Extraterrestrials, and Healthy Minds." He refers to his own encounters in 1941, 1952, 1957 and 1988. His son was also involved in 1988. He sees these encounters as very friendly and positive.

Elizabet Sahtouris: Elizabet declares that experiences and reports of other-dimensional and other-planetary encounters here on planet Earth are still strange (unbelievable) to most people in industrial cultures. This failure in beliefs in turn, strange to cultures outside western scientific/industrial culture to whom other dimensions are as familiar as the basic four of space-time.

James Funaro: James provides an assessment of the critical role that religion may play. It has been speculated that of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior extraterrestrial intelligence. This caused James to make his religious assessments.

Jerome Glenn: Jerome asks 'So What Do We Do Now?' and offers ten points to consider.

John Mack: John discusses six years of his work in studying the alien abduction phenomena. He declares "All science, all

knowledge really, is about the discovery of patterns, including patterns of meaning. But now we know, the approach we use, depends on what the matter in hand happens to be." He goes on to clarify this statement and to ask the question, "How can we deepen our knowledge?"

Keith Ferrell: Keith's paper asks the question, "If We Can't Talk to Each Other, How Can We Talk to Them?" he gives an inside view of the highly successful media dialogue published in the OMNI magazine titled 'Project Open Book.' He seeks to engage multiple levels of government on the subject.



R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.

Michael Michaud: His paper titled, "A Unique Moment in Human History" is a careful presentation of the major issues that an Earth government would

logically consider in anticipation of contact with alien civilisations.

Leo Sprinkle: Leo's paper, "I am Becoming a Cosmic Citizen" is his reflective thinking on what UFO phenomena really represents. The recognition he anticipates is of our ancient space origins, and the outcome is to return to the distant stars as fully developed cosmic citizens

Ruth Montgomery: Ruth, known as the doyenne of inquiry and assessment of Earth contact with visiting extraterrestrials, takes a hard position on government responsibility to be honest and exclaims, "Let's have the facts from our government, please!"

The Panel discussions make good reading and the single page devoted to each author's biography/ qualifications are commendable.

When Cosmic Cultures Meet

The epilogue, "A Special Search for Knowledge" is an appeal to readers who have memory of sustained contact with ET's and the UFO phenomena, and these guardians of special knowledge. They are encouraged to contact the Human Potential Foundation, with a view to establishing this special knowledge on a global basis by bringing these people together.

This is essential reading for all interested in the UFO phenomena and especially those who seek a practical attitude to the future.

Joan Price.

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Harlow 'hotbed of UFOs' claim

CITIZEN, Harlow, England - June 4, 1997

ARE UFOs visiting Harlow by night?

That's what a specialist author asked - and several Citizen readers answered yes.

David B Adams told us how a worried Harlow resident had contacted him after being woken up by a bright light shining through her window one night last month. He has since received a number of calls backing the woman's claim.

He said: "One lady told me that she had been woken at exactly 3am on April 7 - the night before the other incident. She said her budgie was 'making a hell of a noise'."

"Her whole flat was illuminated from the outside despite the thick velvet curtains over all her windows."

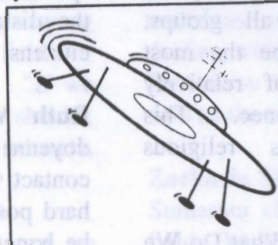
"She did not look outside and who can blame her? Sadly, three days later her budgie died."

The original Harlow witness claimed she had seen an oval grey and white object with a domed top outside her window.

She said that a similar smaller object fell away from it towards the ground.

Several other people contacted Mr Adams with some claiming to have seen similar things.

Others thought it may have been the Hale-Bopp comet.

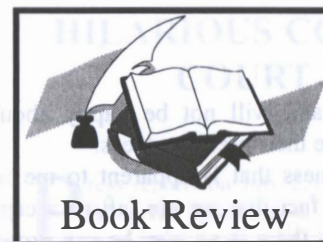


He added: "I usually only deal with airline pilots or aircrews who have reported airborne phenomena, but the people I have been talking to in Harlow have seemed very reliable witnesses."

"A lot of the people reporting or writing about UFOs grossly exaggerate things and I spend a lot of time de-bunking that, but I am more than satisfied that these people are genuine."

"I try not to draw conclusions from these events but Harlow does seem to be becoming a hotbed of UFO activity."

Anyone else wanting to talk about unusual experiences can contact Mr Adams on 01704 560899, or write to him at 55 Richmond Road, Birkdale, Southport PR8 4SB.



Book Review

The Day After Roswell

By Philip J. Corso, (Ret.)

With William J. Birnes

Review by G. Simpson

Few people would have ever heard of Philip J. Corso before this book was released. Unless you were involved with the military, at the highest of levels, you would not have crossed paths with him. He was a military officer during World War 2, an Army Intelligence Officer under General Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War, worked as a Lt. Colonel for four years as a member of President Eisenhower's National Security Council, was "Head of Foreign Technology" in Army Research and Development at the Pentagon in the early 1960's and retired from the Army in 1963 with nineteen medals and ribbons. Very impressive.

To UFO researchers, his personal recollections of seeing an extraterrestrial body in storage at Fort Riley in Texas in 1947 are even more impressive.

Later on, when in the Army R. and D. in the early sixties, under General Trudeau, he was given sole responsibility for the implementation of a plan to reverse engineer various kinds of mysterious artifacts that had been recovered earlier at the Roswell crash site in 1947.

The list of strange artifacts and their properties is quite extensive and would certainly confuse most people unfamiliar with it. It appears that by Corso's account, for security reasons, Nathan Twining divided up the remnants and passed them on to only a few of the heads of the various military services and left them to decide how best they should deal with it. The Army received mainly items regarded as having implications relevant to it such as weapons technology, communications technology etc.

One of the first items that was passed on to research scientists were flexible membranes which enhanced night vision. These dark coloured membranes, much like contact lenses, led apparently to a break-through in night vision technology.

There was apparently no wiring on board the crashed craft, but there was a substance resembling fishing line. It was later discovered to have the ability to direct light around corners! This was the beginning of fibre optics. There was also a type of headband which, when worn by researchers, made some dizzy, some sick, and others saw lights and their vision was affected. The research scientists later determined that these headbands acted as an interface between thoughts and the vehicle's guidance system, an idea which has only recently begun to be used in aircraft using stealth technology.

Corso reveals many of the things that UFO researchers have only speculated about for decades. One of these is the direct connection between extraterrestrials and cattle mutilation cases. According to Corso, he heard about these gruesome events in the pentagon in the early sixties. These were not made public, but Corso knew they could only have been carried out by our extraterrestrial friends because the technology required was non existent to man except for one small, powerful hand held laser scalpel which was located in Corso's filing cabinet, along with other artifacts recovered from Roswell.

Some researchers are very wary of anyone who makes the types of claims made in this book and some have harshly criticised it. One point made by Stanton Friedman is that the book

The Day After Roswell

lacks a table of contents, an index, a bibliography and has no notes or references. This may be only a type of "form criticism" but it does explain why some critics have said that the book is more like a novel than a historical, biographical account. Another thing raised by Friedman is where Corso explains that when he began in the pentagon, the "nut" file was handed on to him by Trudeau. Friedman asks why are expected to believe that no one had done anything with the artifacts in the intervening 14 or so years. It is possible that others in other services such as the Navy, or the Airforce may have. Corso restricts his account to what he knows or was told in the Army, and rightly so.

The reason why Corso is going to be put through the grinder is because although he is an impeccable character, is highly decorated with an impressive military record, and states it how it was, he has upset the many conservatives who **DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THE ACTUAL REALITY OF THE PRESENCE OF EXTRATERRESTRIALS.**

To quote one famous Harvard University Professor and alien abduction researcher John Mack, "it's not my fault that the real experience 'ain't supposed to be!'"

John Mack went through hell and was nearly fired from his professorship at Harvard for daring to suggest that there might actually be something real and not imagined in all this "Alien abduction" stuff. Philip Corso can expect to go through a similar ordeal, even from respected UFO researchers because not all of them have accepted the reality of the

Roswell event and will not be happy about having to change their precious ideas.

The only weakness that is apparent to me in the book is the fact that we are left to accept Corso's word as there is no way he can prove any of it. Even so, it's amazing how Corso's version of the events both makes sense and fills in many of the gaps.

I wouldn't expect any of today's officials to admit that Corso is right and has "Spilled the cosmic beans" because they tend to believe their own preposterous explanations, such as the latest being that the entire Roswell case is explained by the military dropping dummies

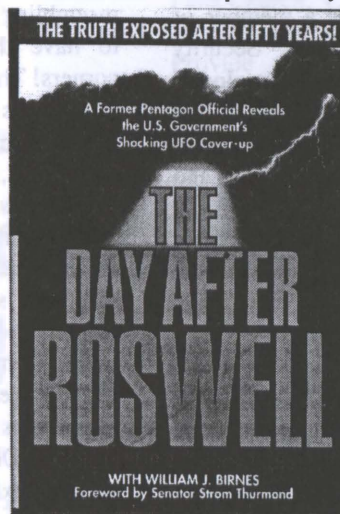
from Aircraft 8 or 9 years after the incident occurred. If you can make sense of that one don't hesitate to contact me and explain it to me.

To sum up this book, this is Roswell straight from the horse's mouth. It would be great if we could interview Twining or Hillenkoetter, or Trudeau, but these men are long departed. Corso was younger than these men and knew and understood their thinking, and explains the events in a way that no amount of detective work would ever

uncover. Time will tell, and as time passes, more and more of the truth will come to the surface. This book will be a major catalyst in the uncovering of these real and historic events.

I also recommend you have a listen to the Corso interview on the Art Bell radio show, available on the Internet. You can hear the man himself answering questions.

One final note, I've just heard that the FILM RIGHTS to this book have just been settled! It doesn't take long these days, does it.



HILARIOUS COMIC STOP-PRESS: NASA TAKEN TO COURT BY ARAB OWNERS OF MARS!

By Gordon Creighton.

Press reports on July 25th indicated that the American Space Agency, NASA, are due to be sued by Arabs who say they "own Mars", and plan to prevent the Americans from divulging any more information about the planet.

Three men from Yemen, Adam Isma'il, Mustafa Khalil, and Abdulla Al-Umaril, claim that they own the red rock, and say their permission ought to have been sought before the *Pathfinder* spacecraft landed there on July 4th and released its buggy, *Sojourner*, which has since then been engaged in testing the Martian geology and soil, and in sending back photos of a landscape less inviting than many parts of Yemen.

The trio's queer claim derives from their firmly rooted idea, as reported in the weekly newspaper *Al-Thawri*, that thousands of years ago Mars was the home of their ancestors!

They therefore want NASA to suspend releasing the results of any further explorations, or any further

published, it seems, in the *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*.

One of the weirdest coincidences of the whole affair is that *Cairo*, the site of the (two greatest) pyramids, was originally named *El-Kahira*, from the Arabic *El-Kahir*.....meaning *Mars*...

At first I refused to accept this as anything but nonsense, for I knew that the Arabic name for Mars is pronounced variably as either *Al-Mirrah* or *Al-Marrih*. But, on checking in my best dictionaries (Hans Wehr's and the *Oxford Arabic-English Dictionary*), I did find, to my astonishment, that Mars does have a second name, namely *Al-Quahir* -which is indeed almost completely identical with the name for the place that we fail to pronounce properly, and so we call it *Cairo*.

Now, as I have mentioned before in articles, the

information of any sort about Martian soil, surface, gravity, etc, until the court case is concluded. Presenting their documentary claims to the Prosecutor General of Yemen, they simply claimed "We inherited the planet from our ancestors who lived on it 3000 years ago."

We understand, however, that NASA do not appear to have suspended their nefarious activities in relation with Mars, and would go no further than issuing a bald statement that the soil of Mars is "finer than talcum powder."

Now, here is a very strange, very peculiar fact:- When, about ten years ago I first read Hoagland's book, *The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever* (published in 1987), I was struck by what I thought was an extraordinary and quite ridiculous statement (on page 289), where Hoagland quotes the following words from an article previously

Arabic language, like Hebrew, etc, is fundamentally constructed on the concept of **three consonants** -the so-called **trisyllabic system** based on a **verb-root**.

Thus we have the verb-root *qa-ha-ra*, *to defeat, vanquish, overcome*. And from it we have *qahir*, a *conqueror* or *victor*.

My own conclusion is that this secondary name for the planet *Mars* probably has crept into the Arabic language relatively lately, under the direct influence of the name for that planet in Western languages, which of course comes directly from the name of the Roman **God of War**.

The mental link between **war** and **victory** is obvious. However, we would like to hear from our Arabic-speaking readers whether they think we are right on this, and whether they have any other explanations for this curious real-estate claim by the Three Wise Men (or maybe the Three Foolish Men?) from Yemen?■

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Aliens and UFOs

This object was not an airplane

Do I believe in UFOs? That's a tough one to answer, but I would have to say yes.

I am a former Naval officer and pilot. I flew for NASA for four years flying Non Brauhn and the Astronauts. I hold an airline transport rating with a lot of flying time. I owned the Piper Aircraft distributorship for Arkansas at the Municipal Airport for many years.

My "encounter" with an unidentified object came in 1980 while flying back from Dallas to Little Rock. The weather was excellent, about one-tenth cloud coverage. It was around 4 p.m. I was around 8,000 feet at a speed of 220 Kts.

I had just cleared Texarkana when off my right wing I saw an object that was definitely not an airplane. It seemed to be about one-half mile level with me and flying at the same speed. It looked like two aluminum saucers on top of each other. It flew there for approximately three for four minutes and then went straight up and disappeared from my view.

I reported this incident to Memphis center. In a few days, two Air Force officers came to my office and asked me about the sighting.

Was it a UFO? I know one thing: It wasn't any type of aircraft that I had ever seen.

JIMMY WOODARD
Hot Springs Village

A great light in 1917

I don't believe in aliens, for God made the sun, moon and stars for light by day and night.

I do believe in UFOs, for one night in 1917 about 10 o'clock I saw a light as big as the bottom of a No. 3 wash tub. It moved at a normal speed and was about 1.5 miles in the air.

It was 1919 before I saw an airplane, so it wasn't a plane. It was a great light and was very unusual.

LEWIS M. ADAMS
North Little Rock

More stonewalling on Cosmic Watergate

A month ago, I sent a freedom of information request about UFO-related material to the assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition. The lack of a reply makes me wonder if, after 50 years, the Army does indeed have something to hide about what happened (and why) at Roswell, N.M.

My request seeks access to all federal records pertaining to:

■ A 1961-1962 memorandum written by now-retired Army Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso to his then-boss, Army research and development chief Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau, in which Corso discusses evidence of alien technology from the "flying saucer" retrieved near Roswell.

■ The "medical examiner's" report on the retrieved alien bodies, as recalled by Corso in his recent book "The Day After Roswell." In the past several weeks, Corso's smoking gun revelations about the behind-the-scenes Army harvest-

ing of alien technology probably have become a painful thorn in the side of those officials who prefer denial-and-censorship over truth-and-disclosure.

That pain might become unbearable if enough other UFO cover-up whistle-blowers of Corso's caliber were to come forward.

If I file suit against the Army for not answering my freedom of information request, it will invite all these whistle-blowers to put their accounts on public record — in the form of sworn declarations and documentary hard evidence — as to the Army's recorded role in the Cosmic Watergate.

So, go ahead, Mr. Assistant Secretary of the Army, take all the time you wish in stonewalling my freedom of information request. In doing so, you, too, will be inviting the emergence of other whistle-blowers and "leaked" evidence from insider sources.

LARRY W. BRYANT
Alexandria

PRESS CUTTINGS OF INTEREST

PATRIOT-NEWS, Harrisburg, PA - July 9, 1997

50 years after, Roswell still a cover-up

Fifty years ago history descended upon the desert scrub outside Roswell, N.M. Bemusingly, the U.S. government can't decide what the history is.

Col. William Blanchard of the 509th Bomb Command at Roswell Army Air Field announced the retrieval of a "flying disk." Within the day, Gen. Ramsey declared the device to be a weather balloon and its foil-and-balsa-wood reflector. Already, the government has some explaining to do if its commander of the nation's only A-bomb squadron can't recognize a weather balloon. ("A cover-up," Blanchard retorted.)

In 1994, the story changed again when the USAF wrote off the swirling rumors of extraterrestrial at Roswell to the crash of Project Mogul balloons which monitored Soviet thermonuclear detonations.

Now it's 1997. And the USAF issues its unequivocal absolute "Case Closed" explainaway of Roswell, throwing out Mogul in favor of Project Excalibur which had balloons tossing out dummies onto remote private ranchlands.

Implausibly, the USAF press briefing officer stated Excalibur "probably" explains the Roswell incident(s).

Explanation of UFOs won't fly

Even dyed-in-the-wool disbelievers in UFOs must be shaking their heads at the Air Force's limp attempt to explain away the strange happenings outside Roswell, N.M., half a century ago. After decades of intelligence-community stonewalling, how can the Air Force seriously think one speculative official report will debunk what has become a legend of extraterrestrial visits to Earth?

It was downright...



a half-century ago. Probably? They don't yet know?

Where the cartoon (Patriot-News, July 1) begins "The Air Force claims the Roswell 'aliens' were really dummies...." the reference is no less, and likely more applicable to Pentagon strategists who are those who believe Roswell was America's first Close Encounter of the Retrieved Evidence kind.

wreckage. That Air Force disclosure, by the way, was pried loose three years ago only after Rep. Steve Schiff (R-N.M.) threatened a Government Accounting Office investigation of the Roswell affair.

Tuesday's fuller explanation, complete with theories aimed at clearing up the mystery of so-called alien corpses, was timed to put a damper on 50th anniversary "festivities" in Roswell next month.

As philosopher Jean Cocteau noted: "History is a combination of reality and lies. The reality of History becomes a lie." The USAF's various yarns for Roswell may just be the biggest lie our government has ever told.

LARRY E. ARNOLD
HARRISBURG

LETTERS

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Aug. 12, 1997

Why would alien spacecraft want to visit?

Re your question about UFOs: Most people have seen one, since the literal meaning of UFO is Unidentified Flying Object. The term has, of course, become synonymous with "flying saucers."

Is there such a thing as alien spacecraft visiting here? Probably. Why not? Our own spacecraft visit alien worlds.

To say we can't be visited would be naive. A civilization with the technological ability to visit us would have to be advanced. Our own history shows that in 10 years' time we went from putting a man in space to putting one on the moon.

If we are being visited, it is most probably out of curiosity and not to make contact. What could they possibly gain by contact? If they are more advanced, there isn't much to gain from us on a technological scale.

Maybe they are just waiting for us to catch up to them.

Whatever happened at Roswell was important enough for people to be threatened with their lives. Would any kind of balloon

be that important? And if so, why is it just an obscure footnote today? How many other events have occurred to warrant such treatments?

Is there a government cover-up of the whole issue? Probably, but not to the extent people seem to believe. Most likely there are only a select few who have known from the beginning what is going on.

In light of Watergate, Iran-Contra and every other scandal of the week, is there any wonder people don't believe the government on this or anything else?

It would be dangerously naive not to believe in at least the possibility that someone else exists out there and could be flying our skies. Too many photos and too much tape exists of something up there. I'd much rather believe that they are out there and be proved wrong than believe there's nobody and find out there is.

J. CARTER WATTS
Pine Bluff

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~~~~Australian Sighting Reports~~~~

GAPSTED REPORT.

Continued

James W.R. OWEN
North East Representative.
V.U.F.O.R.S.

C.S:

I am employed as a Farm Manager and live a short distance from S.S.'s place. On Monday the 16th of December, 1996, I was visiting S.S. and I was actually waiting for S.S. to arrive home from work. It was about 2000 hours when S.S. arrived home. I believe it was this time it may have been earlier. S.S. then called us outside and we all went outside. S.S. pointed out an object in the west. The sun was still up as it was daylight saving. It was a warm dry day with very little wind. Visibility was good. I would say that the sun was at about 30 degrees and further west to where S.S. was pointing. I saw this very bright, I would say white object above a hill with some trees on the top. We were watching the object between two sheds. We got onto the back of the ute to get a clearer view. I would describe the object as wedged shape and quiet large. I would say that it was about Forty (40) degrees above the horizon and to the left of the hill. I would estimate it at about 2 kilometres away and that it was bigger than a 747 at the same distance. It was very large. I watched it for about Twenty (20) minutes. I believe that the object held it's position for about 15 minutes before descending behind the hill. I would estimate that the object moved at an angle of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) degrees very slowly behind the hill. Whilst watching the object I was calm but very curious as I had never seen anything like this before. I am of the opinion that this object was not a plane or any other aircraft. It held it's position for a lengthy period and at no stage did it appear to move away from us. It never altered shape, size or colour. I never noticed any change whatsoever in it's brightness. I heard no sound. I have observed aircraft including helicopters and it never behaved as they do. At that distance I believe if it had of been a conventional aircraft we would have heard the noise.

I have no explanation as to what this object would have been. I still believe that it was not a conventional aircraft.

D.W:

On Monday the 16th of December at about 7.30pm I was at the S.S. residence when I went outside with the others and I saw an object that was pointed out to us by S.S. The sun was still up and the day was bright sunlight with no cloud cover. We watched this object and I looked at it through binoculars. I am unaware of the strength of these binoculars. I only watched it for a short period of time but I believe that it was visible for about Twenty (20) minutes.

When I looked at it through the binoculars it looked like the wing of a plane and it seemed to be catching the light of the sun. I was unable to see any other part of a plane and I liken the object to a wing. The object appeared to be stationary and at no stage did it alter shape or size or colour. The object was not moving away from us and whilst I watched it, I saw the object move very slowly to the right on an angle and disappear behind the hill. It was some distance away, but I am unable to give an accurate distance. I would estimate that it was a large object, maybe as big as a jet liner. I heard no sound and I never saw any flashing lights. I don't believe that it was an aircraft that I could identify. The colour of the object was a very bright white. I cannot give any explanation as to what the object may have been. I was calm and a little bit curious about what it may have been. If it was a plane all I can say is that it was large and did not behave as an aeroplane should. It seemed to stay stationary and in my opinion it was not moving away as it never changed size or shape. The colour never altered as you would expect if it was moving.

OTHER WITNESSES:

On Saturday the 1st of February, 1997, both my wife and I attended Gapsted as a result of an invitation to attend a B.B.Q. It was here that I discussed the incident with the other witnesses as per the witness list. I requested that they explain the object in their own words. As per the previous statements in this report there were very few discrepancies. The time period the object was observed for, the manoeuvres, and the description were almost identical. The shape differed, but only minutely. They were all of the opinion that it was not a plane or any other object that may have been man made. The ages of these witnesses ranged between ten (10) years to fourteen (14) years. They were a bit reluctant to fill out the reports so I never insisted that they do this. Sighting Reports were left at the house in case they later wished to complete the reports. During our discussion with them, they seemed interested enough to discuss the incident with us. As I previously stated the discrepancies were minor and in my opinion did not detract from the original reports.

INVESTIGATIONS:

When I initially received the report of the object, I contacted the Police airwing who were operating in the vicinity and I ascertained that no helicopter was in the area on that day. I also contacted the Bureau of Meteorology who informed us that to their knowledge no balloons were in the area. The Planetarium could give no explanation as to the origin of this object. Wangaratta air field was contacted recently and I inquired as to the possibility of the Whitman's blimp or any other balloon or blimp in that area on that particular day or days previous or following. I was informed that there were no balloons or blimps that had attended at that airport.

Around Wangaratta and surrounding districts, hang gliders are quite a common sight. I contacted and spoke to acquaintances and friends about the possibility of a hang glider behaving as previously stated. I explained to them that the object appeared to be stationary and what would be the possibility of a hang glider appearing to be stationary for a period of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes. I was informed that when observing a hang glider you would notice considerable movement and that there would be a good chance that you would be able to identify the glider due to its different manoeuvres. I then breached the subject of a glider moving away from the observers. I was informed that in that period of time the glider would get smaller and be more difficult to see.

Upon attending at the farm both my wife and I examined the area where the witnesses observed the object. I took readings with a compass and found that the object was at approximately thirty (30) degrees above the horizon and was directly 240 degrees, South West. I noticed that the sun was at approximately thirty degrees above the horizon and due west. It was pointed out to me that they observed the object between the two sheds. Upon looking between the two sheds I observed a hill with only a few trees on it. It was explained that the object was observed above and to the left of this hill. The object then after a period of time moved to the witnesses right at an angle and went behind the hill.

I then obtained photographs from different locations in the general direction of the object. Upon examining the area where the object was observed I estimated that the hill where the object disappeared behind was approximately five (5) to Seven (7) kilometres South West from the observation point, in the direction of Whorouly South. This would have the object near Whorouly South which is also a sparsely populated area. The area between the observation point and the hill where the object disappeared consists of flat land with river flats and minor undulations. This location is not extremely wooded. Upon returning back to Wangaratta, it was decided that we would travel via Whorouly and examine the area. Upon doing this we discovered the hill that we had checked from the witnesses address and would place it about Seven (7) kilometres as the crow flies. The area where the object disappeared is a flat area (Paddocks) with few trees. Due to the isolation and distance we were unable to locate any sign of an object landing. This is due to the large areas and the inability of checking the landscape with any accuracy. There are no houses in the close proximity. At this stage no further witnesses in the above areas have approached the media or ourselves with any further information.

CONCLUSION:

It is my opinion that these witnesses are truthful and honest people who to the best of their ability have provided an accurate and comprehensive report. It is my belief that they believe that what was observed was out of the ordinary. Even though I

have received four (4) Sighting reports only, I did discuss the sighting personally with the other witnesses. The discrepancies were minor and in total correspond with the written reports. Even though some witnesses were reluctant to officially report the incident, I had no problems in conversing with them verbally.

Upon examining the three written reports that I have obtained to date, the discrepancies are minor and consist of the actual size of the object and in the report by C.S the actual shape differs. This is minor and I would explain this by saying the distance between the object and the witnesses may have confused the actual shape. When you consider the shape a wedge and cigar shape and observe the diagrams, the shape does not differ greatly. The other discrepancies are extremely minor and do not contradict the actual sighting. We have the witness D.W who has now compiled a report who stated to me when I discussed the incident with him that he believed the object was similar to an aircraft wing. I spoke to him in some detail about the possibility of it being an actual aircraft. As he was the only one that observed the object via binoculars he would have been in the position to ascertain if the object was an aircraft, blimp, birds or other natural or man made phenomena. He stated that it looked like an aircraft wing but had no other similarities of an aircraft.

The other investigations and contacts in relation to a helicopter, other aircraft, blimp, balloon, a celestial object, hand glider, birds or other atmospheric conditions seem to have drawn a blank.

Even though we have no conclusive evidence that this object is none of the above we must take in account the weather conditions as stated by the witnesses. No clouds, no wind, hot weather, dry conditions. These conditions are not conducive to the flight of hang gliders due to the absence of thermals that would assist in the flight of the gliders. The lack of movement for fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes also seems to rule out the possibility of birds, balloons, hang gliders or conventional aircraft. The lack of sound rules out the helicopter or aircraft. This particular area and the discussion with witnesses seem to indicate that the sound of aircraft would travel some distance in these still conditions. The movement of the object as it travelled behind the hill rules out a possibility of a small cloud. The lack of colour change and size of the object seem to assist in eliminating birds, aircraft, balloons or the blimp. The conversation with hang glider pilots seem to rule out the possibility of that type of aircraft.

At this stage we have eight witnesses who seem to substantiate each other. We have been unable to locate any reasonable explanation as to what this object may be. At the time of the sighting it was bright daylight and visibility was extremely good. The object was observed for a short period of time through binoculars. This failed to identify the type of object that it may have been.

Due to the evidence at hand and unless further information is forthcoming to explain this sighting, I intend to class this sighting as unexplainable.

I therefore request that this file be classed unidentified and that the file be left open pending any further information that may assist in this inquiry.

ELDORADO SIGHTING:

INITIAL REPORT:

On the 12th of July, 1997 at 10am, I received a telephone call from J.S. of Eldorado wishing to detail a sighting of an object in the Eldorado area. J.S. had read an article in the local paper in relation to our investigations into this subject and was happy that she was able to converse with someone on this particular sighting. Her sighting occurred prior to the publication.

REPORT:

On Monday the 7th of July, 1997, I was on my way home from work and travelling in an easterly direction. I observed what appeared to be two intensely bright white headlight type lights hovering stationary above the road. The lights were about 30 degrees above the horizon in an easterly direction. I observed the objects for about 12 minutes and I estimate the objects to have been about 100 feet up in the air and it's distance away from me to be 100 to 200 feet. The objects were bigger than Venus, and were very big about the size of a hot air balloon. I didn't stop my car to get out and observe the lights as I was really quite frightened so I don't know if there was any sound accompanying the object.

I could not ascertain the shape of the objects due to the brightness of the lights. The weather was cold and clear with no wind and it was just on sunset. I viewed the object through a car window whilst I was moving. I have never seen anything like this before. I

will add that the object or objects were slightly undulating. To my knowledge there are no large water containment areas or any military installations.

Upon arriving home I had watched the objects and when I again looked it was nowhere in sight. I have no idea where it went to. All I can say is that I was afraid to stop the car and check, I just wanted to get home.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Upon receiving this report it coincided with a report in the Glenrowan area (SINCE PROVEN MAN MADE OBJECT.) and the report even though similar still created an interest. We attended at Eldorado and spoke to locals in the area who had not seen this particular object around that particular date. They had no problems in accepting that this may have happened and readily mentioned previous sightings ranging back many years. At no stage did we mention any names and only mentioned that an object had been observed in the area. The area is only 15 kilometres from Wangaratta and is a farming community surrounded by heavily wooded hills. It is a rocky area and popular for campers, sight seers and gold fossickers. There is a small creek that meanders through the hills and runs all year round even during the drought seasons.

Contact with the local airports at Wangaratta, Wodonga and Benalla have failed to show any aircraft in the area. No hot air balloons have been sighted in the area during that period. Due to the hills and this particular area there would have been no possibility of radar

detecting any objects. The nearest radar is situated in Melbourne.

Other contacts including the Bureau of Meteorology and the Planetarium have been unable to assist in the identification of these objects.

CONCLUSIONS.

Again we only have the one witness and no one has been forthcoming to corroborate the report. The witness is a farmer and has resided in the district for a considerable time. I believe her to be truthful and honest in reporting this matter. There is no reason to falsify this report and the witness has not received any gain or any recognition in relation to this report.

We are unable to say what these objects may have been and our inquiries have failed to obtain an answer. These objects are different to most that are seen in the area and at this stage I believe we should still class them as unidentifiable.

Mary-Louise OWEN
North East District
Investigations Officer
V.U.F.O.R.S.

WANGARATTA MEETING.

The Victorian U.F.O Research Society meeting held at Wangaratta was a success with at least 40 attending to listen to a very interesting and informative lecture by Judy MAGEE and Paul NORMAN. At first we thought that we may have to get more seats and many who had shown an interest didn't turn up. Their loss. We had a family of three from Melbourne who had read the ad in the Bulletin and decided to drive all the way to Wangaratta and then return to Melbourne. Well done. We had others from Shepparton and Bright as well as Wangaratta. It was a pleasant evening and most informative. I chatted away about the North East sightings. The evening was then opened to the gathering for questions and discussion about their experiences. We had four that took to the floor to pass on their experiences which we found extremely interesting. For our first attempt I was impressed with the participation of the gathering and the interest shown.
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED

Jim OWEN
Nth East Representative
V.U.F.O.R.S.

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Local Sightings

13th September, 1997, 8.15pm Heidelberg Heights. Victoria.	A bright white round light about 2 metres in diameter and made of a transparent type fabric which appeared to be lit by a fluorescent light and having little round red lights around the top. It moved away in a southerly direction and passed directly over the house. No sound.
15th September, 1997 about 7.15 pm North Balwyn Victoria	A bright orange light about the size of a 'dinner plate'. At first, hovering then moved downward slowly then disappeared to the Southwest.
17th September, 1997 4 pm Dandenong Victoria.	Appearance of a bright star, flying toward the Sun and disappeared in 10 seconds.
18th September, 1997 6.30pm Altona. Vic.	A 'frosty white' disc with portholes, moving slowly to the south without sound.
25th September, 1997 7.15pm Taylors Lakes Vic.	A flashing light alternating between a red and green colour. During observation another light moved from the left of the coloured light to underneath it, then moved around the coloured light. They moved off together in a southerly direction.
30th September, 1997 3.40pm Eltham. Vic.	Two round black ball-shaped objects following an erratic flight pattern moving from North East to Northwest. They appeared to be doing aerobatics.
29th September. 1997 6.40pm Geelong. Vic.	Two witnesses observed a black purple/grey round object streaking from South to North - doing figure eights as it flew.

11th July 1997 Colac, Victoria.

Investigator - James M. Kennedy. Western Victoria Representative.

Result of call on our Answering Service [03] 9506 7080 ['hotline']
The night was particularly clear so I went out and looked in the direction of the sky the purported object had been observed. I doubted I would have seen the object, as it was seen some days prior. However, the intent was to get a feel for the sky in that area.
Mars was approximately 6 degrees above the crescent moon. Jupiter, although prominent, was in another part of the sky and Venus had already set. I did not notice any abnormalities.
On the 12th July, 1997, I arranged to meet the witness at his residence. He showed me from where he and his wife had viewed the object and he was quite willing to complete the Report Form.
What in my opinion, makes this an intriguing case, is the fact that I asked the witness, if on subsequent nights had the object been there again? His reply was that it had not. The witness had previously contacted the Planetarium where a representative claimed it was not a UFO.
There was some controversy as to the objects precise location, Mr. M. thinking the object was over towards Lake Corangamite and his wife thinking it was more towards the Cororooke Milk Factory, a distance of approximately 5 to 7 kilometres. Considering the 20 kilometre distance of the viewing area, this is a fair margin.

Local Sightings - continued

After leaving the witnesses' residence, I attended the Colac Police Station, for the object may have been Air 492 (the Police helicopter). The attending Officer went through the communication log books and could find no record of it being in the area at that time. A helicopter would, at this stage, be the closest man-made description to the object. Although with the helicopter beam, one can generally see the light trail whereas this object did not demonstrate this.
Mars is a likely suspect if the wide band of light was not a factor.
The witness does not want any publicity, so I take this report as genuine. Presently I am at a loss to put a natural or man-made link to it. Therefore it is 'unidentified'.

25th August 1997, Paynesville, Victoria

Investigator - Dan Haylock South East District.

I received the following report from Mrs. S. of Paynesville. I have known her for the past year, when she came to live in the area.
On August 25 Mrs. S. went to bring in clothes from the line. It was 7pm.
She saw a doughnut shaped object to the North East of her flat, at an elevation of about sixty degrees.
It appears to have been some four hundred metres away and fairly large for she likened it to a nine-inch saucepan lid. There was a strong wind blowing making the top of a large tree move. The tree was in the line of sight. The object was far enough away to appear to move in the same direction as she did on the occasions when she walked a few steps. Despite the wind, it didn't shift. She claims that she watched it for about twenty minutes, but getting cold, she went indoors to ring me. Unfortunately, I wasn't home, so she rang her daughter who lives in Paynesville also. Her daughter couldn't see anything so went outside to look again. By now the object had gone.
The centre was black, if it had a centre. The annulus was amber colored with twinkling lights around the outside rim. There were also three very bright white lights equidistant on the outside rim. From the inside edge of the annulus, golden filaments flowed to the twinkling lights on the rim. There were many of these filaments, and she could see them flowing outwards. I can't see any way that hoaxers would have made this flowing filament feature without very large expense. With all the trees and houses and service wires about, it is unlikely to have been a kite. She said that it was a very beautiful sight, and has often gone outside to see if it is back again.

A second report came from a Society Member - Joan - who also helps with our representatives Group Meetings in that area.
She arose at three AM to watch the eclipse of the Moon on the 17th.
What may not come through in her sketch is that a light suddenly appeared above the moon, so Joan put one fist on top of the other until she gauged the distance the light was above the moon. There was another stationary light to her left and the first one headed towards it. She said she was afraid that they would collide. As soon as light number one reached the second one, the second light moved slowly to her right. The first continued on to her left and then went out. The second one continued on to her right North - and then finally went out.
It is worth mentioning Joan had a feeling that she was being watched all the time that she was out watching the eclipse.

Local Sightings - continued

Another report from Dan Haylock, Paynesville. - dated 23rd October, 1997.

Investigation of a report from Paradise Beach, Victoria. -

Time 10.40 am. Cloud cover about 40 percent.

Mr. B. was sitting on his verandah when he noticed something like raindrops glistening near the roof of his house. It wasn't raining so he went to the edge of his verandah to investigate.

The glistening lights were coming from the Northwest sky at an elevation of sixty degrees, more or less.

The sun was just an hour away from its meridian, which made looking at the source of these glistening lights very difficult. The raindrops like lights were in a cluster and he could see an anti-clockwise rotation of them most of the time, and sometimes he could see some rotating clockwise, but not clearly. The size of the cluster wasn't large for it could be covered by a third of his thumbnail at arms length. The centre of the cluster was a dark dot. He observed it for about fifteen minutes. It remained stationary. Although he could see it with difficulty, neither his wife nor daughter could because of the glare in the sky from the sun.

At one time a cloud seemed to pass over it. After fifteen minutes or so it just faded away. He stressed several times that these swirling lights closely resembled raindrops illuminated by the sun.

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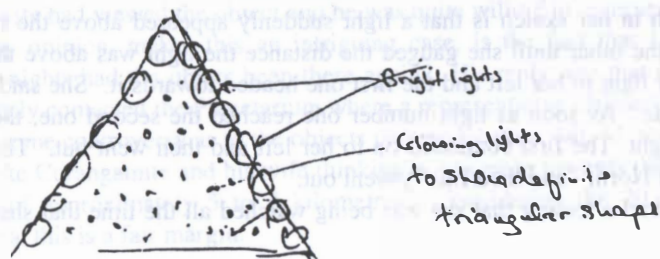
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Geoffrey & Nadia Dunn were witness to a triangular-shaped craft with multiple white lights along two sides of its base. The area of the triangular base was covered with many weaker glowing lights that allowed further determination of its shape.

The object was initially spotted sitting stationary in the

south-western sky, approximately 45° above the horizon. Due to its distance away from the two witnesses, it appeared to be the size of a basketball. It was watched for approximately 20 minutes from indoors. Due to the two witnesses' location they were unable to determine its position when it disappeared.



Glenunga

Date: 5th August, 1997

Time: 5.50am

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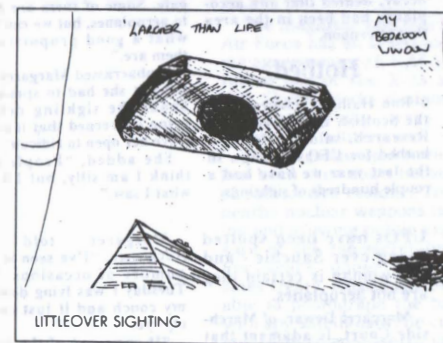
BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

CASE FILE

● DATE: 1982 (Month Unknown)

● Littleover, Derby

BUFORA received a letter from DS now serving in Bosnia. He recalls a sighting, when he was ten years of age and living in Littleover Derby. It was about 2am in the morning and he was awoken by a very loud buzzing noise. Curious, he got out of bed and looked out of his window and saw an object hovering over the fields near his house. He describes it as having flashing lights on each corner and colours that appeared to be red, yellow and green. He could see a definitive shape as it was so low, and emphasised that this was not a plane or helicopter. He then became scared and ran into his parents bedroom in shock. He states that he could not get back to sleep and in the morning drew a picture for his parents. He describes it as being in a Northerly direction and that it was larger than the full moon (See drawing).



CASE FILE

● DATE: May 1994

● Newcastle Upon Tyne

● Inv. Gloria Dixon

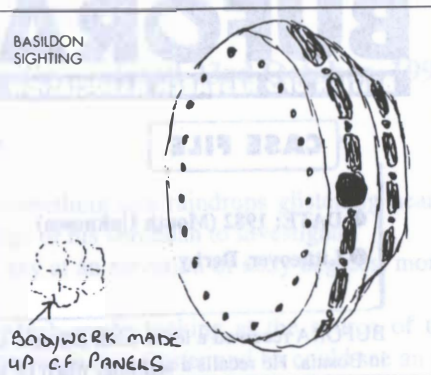
CW was unable to sleep due to the outside security light flashing on and off (passive infra red) continually. The detector was set specifically to warn of multiple minimum movement in his back garden, as it was easily accessible to a storage area. He felt slightly uneasy and did not understand why it had been activated. He then had the impression of a presence and when he looked around the room, he noticed a small childlike creature about two feet from the bottom of his bed. Feeling in a state of shock and disbelief he checked himself to make sure he was not dreaming. He describes the creature as small with large black oval shaped eyes. These seemed to be the main feature of the face and the head appeared to be too heavy for the body. CW then describes the realisation that this being knew that CW was aware that this was not a dream. He then tried to wake his wife asleep by his side, but no matter how much he touched her and called her name he could not awaken her. He then looked away from the creature to try once again to awaken his wife, but then noticed the creature disappear in that it moved from one side of the room and disappeared through the bedroom window wall area. He then managed to awaken his wife, who said she had been aware of her husband trying to wake her but felt she could not respond. He explained what had happened and checked the window, but saw nothing. I have spoken with both CW and his wife several times by phone, and will follow up this report with a visit in the near future.

CASE FILE

- DATE: 23rd JUNE 1995, 1.47 am
- Basildon, Essex
- Inv: Colin Elstob

JP awoke from a bad dream and glanced out of her bedroom window where she noticed a strange object which appeared to have red blue and green lights. (see drawing) She watched the object for approximately twelve minutes and then awoke her husband and daughter. After twenty-five minutes her husband phoned the police as they had no frame of reference as to the identity of the object they were observing. Two police officers arrived and stayed for ten minutes whilst observing the object and speaking to their station. They were then called away, but returned with two more police officers and stayed observing the object for about fifteen to twenty minutes. They were then called away again and JP states that her husband returned to bed and both she and her daughter went outside on to the patio and watched the object until it went out of sight at about 4.12 am.

The object was described by the police officers as being circular with a domed top. It was bright white with a mesh pattern and green and red around the base. It was spinning clockwise. They stated that although this object was visible to the naked eye it could only clearly be identified through binoculars. The object was observed in a North Easterly direction for a total of 2 hours and 24 minutes, which may give a possible explanation of something astronomical due to the length of observation time. It is claimed that one of the police officers contacted West Drayton to establish whether the object was radar visual. However, this cannot be clarified, and any response from them is unknown. Apparently BBC radio Essex presented an item on this sighting the following day with the couple involved and the police officers concerned. Colin has interviewed the family this year, and will give a more in depth report at a later date.



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Plane chased UFO over Sauchie

— which are then seen circling over the Ochils — if delays occur, denied that any aeroplanes had been in the area that afternoon.

Hotbed

Ron Halliday, chairman of the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, said, "Alloa is a hotbed for UFO sightings. In the last year we have had a couple hundreds of sightings.

UFOs have been spotted flying over Sauchie — and one woman is certain they are not aeroplanes.

Margaret Dewar, of Marchside Court, is adamant that she saw something that wasn't a plane flying slowly through the air.

She described her sighting as cigar-shaped, small, moving slowly and leaving a trail of smoke or steam behind it.

"It sounds like a typical sighting, which we will investigate. Some of them are down to aeroplanes, but we can't tell what a good proportion of them are."

Embarrassed Margaret said she felt she had to speak out about the sighting despite being concerned that it might leave her open to ridicule.

She added, "People may think I am silly, but I know what I saw."

Margaret told the *Advertiser*, "I've seen it on a number of occasions. Last Tuesday I was lying down on my couch and it just caught my eye."

"It came out of the clouds and at first I thought it was a meteorite. It definitely wasn't a plane. A plane actually followed after the object."

Edinburgh Airport, which has sparked previous UFO sightings by 'stacking' flights

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - May 25, 1997

Neighbors deny reports of abandoned Area 51

By ROBERT MACY
 The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Reports of the demise of a top secret base in the Nevada desert may be premature, according to a Washington source and folks at the Little A'Le'Inn.

Popular Mechanics magazine, in a cover story in its June issue, said the top-secret facility known as Area 51 has been abandoned and operations moved to a site in eastern Utah.

"That's ridiculous," said a congressional source in Washington, D.C.

The source, who requested anonymity, said it would cost \$5 billion to move the operations and such an expenditure is unthinkable at a time when Congress and the Pentagon are weighing a new round of base closings nation-

wide.

The public affairs office at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas referred inquiries on Area 51 to the Air Force media relations office in the Pentagon. Repeated phone calls to the office went unanswered Wednesday.

Residents in the tiny hamlet of Rachel, Nev., some 20 miles from the secret base, say there's every indication it is still operational.

Area 51, a remote base 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, has been the site of development of America's top-secret aircraft, dating back to the U-2 spy plane more than 40 years ago. The SR-71 Blackbird and F-117A stealth fighter were also tested at the desolate location adjoining the nation's nuclear testing grounds. A new genera-

tion aircraft, known as Aurora, is currently believed to be in the testing stage at the site.

The site was so secret that Air Force officials refused to acknowledge its existence until recent years when a federal lawsuit by former workers forced their hand. Now they acknowledge simply that training and testing activities take place at Groom Lake, a dry lake bed at Area 51.

Popular Mechanics science/technology editor Jim Wilson said Area 51 operations were being moved to a location in eastern Utah known as Area 6413.

He said the Utah site would be used for testing of a military version of NASA's X-33, the next generation of space shuttle now being developed by Lockheed Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale,

Calif.

The X-33, known as Venture Star, will have vertical takeoff and horizontal landing capabilities and will be able to deliver payloads of up to 40,000 pounds to low earth orbit.

The magazine said that the Air Force has an assets-sharing agreement with NASA on future use of the X-33 and that Skunk Works designers are researching ways to adapt it for military use.

The magazine said Area 51 had been shut down because of radioactive residues from nearby nuclear weapons testing and growing public exposure of the top-secret base. For years, under an open skies treaty, Russia has been able to photograph the base with spy satellites while curious Americans were kept seven miles away by armed guards.

The reported closing was met with skepticism by Pat Travis, 53, who operates the Little A'Le'Inn, a cafe in Rachel.

"I think the thing about the base closing is supposition," Travis said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "We get people in here every day who work out there. I think the report is a way to get people to not come out here."

Travis's cafe, filled with UFO lore, is a gathering point for people in the tiny town of 100, as well as workers at Area 51 and the nearby Tonopah Test Range, where the F-117A operated under a shroud of secrecy for years.

UFO aficionados claim that research involving space aliens has been conducted at Area 51.

Travis's daughter, Connie West, 29, reported seeing activity at Area 51 when she and her husband escorted a television crew to a site several miles from the base two weeks ago.

CR: J. & L. Nicholson

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Victorian UFO Research Society
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October 28, 1997

Dear Editor,

Recently I found time to read the so-called final explanation to the Roswell crash and bodies and other reports in the 50s and 60s published by the USAF and CIA.

I was amazed to find that the Air Force used time travel and a space warp to explain the Roswell incident in that dummies dropped from high altitude, not only missed the crash site by 7 years(1954) and 70 miles, and that a check on U-2 and SR-71 spy plane flight schedules in the 50s and 60s, showed they accounted for a few radar and pilot sightings at best.

The SR-71 that first flew in 1964 was apparently painted black from the start. Its nickname was the Blackbird. The U-2 spy planes were painted black later and "could not reflect the rays from the sun, especially at sunrise and sunset as reported."

During this period of time in UFO history there were thousands of reports of structured craft at ground level (and on the ground) that made humming sounds and created electro-magnetic (E-M) effects worldwide.

Thus the spy planes did not often appear as fiery objects to observers below, since they were flying at 60,000 to 80,000 feet or 15 miles, nearly the edge of space. A check of records show that UFO reports actually decreased, rather than increased during spy plane missions.

Therefore, the government deception on UFO issues continues after 50 years and the question remains, why? After 53 years of UFO research and investigations, I will continue to seek answers for the UFO enigma.

It is my feeling that "open hearings" in Congress and a truly scientific investigation are both long overdue.

P.S. I want to congratulate you all on the increased UFO coverage in your excellent journal.

Sincerely,



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Editors' Note:

It is pleasing to note that a "long time" researcher has a complimentary remark to make regarding our Publication. The comments in this letter are in direct contrast to a rewritten book recently published by an author who has used the VUFORS publication for leads and information without credit and now states that the **Australian UFO Bulletin** has ceased publication. Our members and other major organisations will realize that comment is inaccurate as they have been receiving our publication regularly for many years.

SOCIETY NEWS

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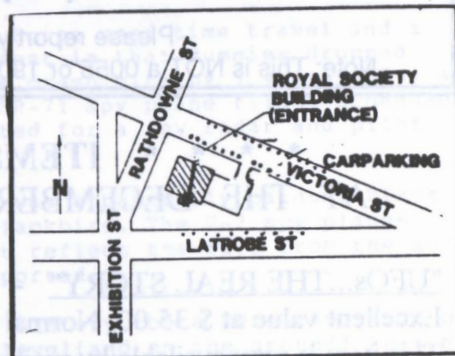
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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